**Steps to Check Monopoly of Brokers**

@2924. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the measures which are being taken to break collusion of brokers who manipulate stock prices in the Stock Exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): Trading in securities is regulated by the Bye-Laws and Regulations of the Stock Exchanges. The Stock Exchange authorities keep a constant watch on trading in securities and the movement of their prices for ensuring a fair market.

**Salary Grades in Technical Departments**

@@2925. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different technical departments follow-different salary grades and some departments have one or two additional grades; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the action Government propose to remove the anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) and (b) The Pay Commisssion's recommendations which formed the basis for the revised scales of pay in Central Government have not categorised any Department as technical department for the purpose of pay scales or grade structure. The Pay Commission have referred to certain Departments like Atomic Energy, Space, etc. as Scientific Organisations. In any case the salary structure and grades in any Department will depend upon a large number of parameters such as educational qualifications, duties and responsibilities, span of control, percentage of direct recruitment, extent of supervision, organisational structure etc. In view of this it is quite possible that two different departments may have different salary grades based on different indices of parameters and it cannot be termed as an anomaly.

**India's Dialogue with I.M.F. World Bank Team**

2926. SHRI R.T. GOP ALAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the I.M.F. World Bank teams were in India recently as a part of an on going dialogue;

(b) if so, what are the specific proposals of the I.M.F. as conveyed to Government on structural re-adjustment and other problems of Indian economy;

(c) what is the level of agreement or disagreement on this question; and

(d) what is the scale of assistance sought or obtained from the I.M.F. as a result of the dialogue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No IMF team visited India recently, though a number of World Bank teams were in India recently in connection with the dialogues on ongoing and proposed World Bank projects/programmes.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**U.S. Pressure on Stopping Cultivation of Poppy in India**

2927. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of U.S.A. are pressurising the Government of India to stop cultivation of poppy;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government in this regard; and

(c) what are the alternative sources of supply of poppy for manufacture of various drugs in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No indigenous alternative source of supply of opium poppy for manufacture

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@ Previously UnStarred Question 1348, Transferred from the 5th March, 1992.